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A TROOPER'S NARRATIVE OF SERVICE IN THE ANTHRACITE COAL STRIKE, 1902. By STEWART CULIN, Private, Second Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry, N. G. P. Philadelphia: George W. Jacobs & Co., 1903. Pp. 91.

Besides military experiences, this little book gives us interesting glimpses of the life of the Poles and Lithuanians of the Anthracite district of Pennsylvania, their habits, customs, etc. In Shenandoah, where "nearly every other house is occupied as a saloon," the signs all bear foreign names, "Russian, Polish, Lithuanian, and German." Of the children, we learn (p. 30) that their games are all American. In the public schools "the Polish boys are brighter and more intelligent than those of American parentage" (p. 41). In Shenandoah there are Catholic churches of six varieties; a Greek church for the "Huns;" Protestant churches of ten denominations; and a Jewish synagogue. Three different Lithuanian dialects are spoken in this part of Pennsylvania. The English of the miners' children, "like that of the miners generally, had a pleasant brogue, and was interspersed with quaint words and expressions borrowed from the English miners" (p. 31). In connection with the strike, Mr. Culin says (p. 32): "The presence of the troops inspired a military spirit among the boys. They played soldier, and finally improvised a camp on the side of the hill where they mounted guard over tents ingeniously constructed of old bags." The soldiers, too, devised a new form of amusement, the "porch party" (p. 21). Mr. Culin's sketch gives a good idea of the human activities prevailing over and above the strike and its immediate phases.

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